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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Re: Application of David SHAFER, Alexander EPPLE, Aurelian DODOC, Helmut BEIERL and Wilhelm ULRICH
CATADIOPTIC PROJECTION OBJECTIVE WITH GEOMETRIC BEAM SPLITTING
Assignee: **CARL ZEISS SMT AG**
Our Ref: Q79028

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 09/751,352 (Confirmation No. 8259) filed December 27, 2000 of David SHAFER, Wilhelm ULRICH and Helmut BEIERL entitled PROJECTION EXPOSURE LENS WITH ASPHERIC ELEMENTS. The present Continuation-in-Part Application additionally claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/511,673, filed October 17, 2003.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising seventy-one (71) pages of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and thirteen (13) sheets of drawings. **This Application is being filed in German. A translation with verification will be submitted at a later date.**

A copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of an executed Assignment with Form PTO 1595 will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>53</u>	-	20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
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TOTAL FEE										<u>\$770.00</u>
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.